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Disqualified State MLAs can contest polls: Apex Court

- SC Bench upholds Speaker's decision on disqualification
- Decision barring MLAs from contesting till 2023 quashed

A file photo of the disqualified MLAs in front of Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru.

New Delhi, Nov.13 (UNI)- The Supreme Court this morning upheld the disqualification of 17 Karnataka MLAs on the orders of the then Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar but allowed their plea to contest the by-election to the seats that fell vacant.

This means, the Top Court upheld the disqualification but struck down the term of disqualification. The former Speaker had said in his order that the MLAs cannot contest elections until the term of the current Assembly ends in 2023.

A Three-Judge Bench of Justices N.V. Ramana, Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari had on Oct.25 reserved its verdict on the petitions filed by disqualified MLAs. The Supreme Court also said that the Speaker should act as per the Constitution and not as per the political compulsion.

Ramesh Kumar had disqualified 17 MLAs of ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition ahead of a Trust Vote in July. The then CM H.D. Kumaraswamy had resigned after losing the Trust Vote, which paved the way for the BJP-led Government in the State under B.S. Yediyurappa.

The disqualified MLAs are Ramesh Jarkiholi (Congress - Gokak), Mahesh Kumthahalli (Congress - Athani), R. Shankar (Ranebennur - Independent, who pledged support to Congress and later defected), Byrathi Basavaraj (Congress - K.R. Puram), N. Munirathna (Congress - Rajarajeshwarinagar), S.T. Somashekar (Congress - Yeshwantpur), Roshan Baig (Congress - Shivajinagar), Anand Singh (Congress - Vijayanagar Hospet), K. Gopalaiah (JD-S - Mahalakshmi Layout), K.C. Narayana Gowda (JD-S - K.R. Pet), M.T.B. Nagaraj (Congress - Hoskote), B.C. Patil (Congress - Hirekerur), A.H. Vishwanath (JD-S - Hunsur), Prathap Gouda Patil (Congress - Maski), Dr. K. Sudhakar (Congress - Chikkaballapur), Shivaram Hebbar (Congress - Yellapura), Shrimant Patil (Congress - Kagawad).

(See MLAs on page 5)

SC to deliver Sabarimala, Rafale verdict tomorrow

New Delhi, Nov.13- After the historic verdict on the Ayodhya land dispute matter, the Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi will announce verdicts on review petitions against its orders in two important cases tomorrow (Nov.14) — Entry of women to Sabarimala Temple and the Rafale Deal.

In the Sabarimala case, a Five-Member Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi will deliver judgment on petitions seeking review of its September 2018 order that allowed menstruating women to enter the shrine in Kerala. The Top Court will also review its judgment delivered in December that dismissed the petitions seeking an investigation into the alleged irregularities in the Rs.58,000 crore Rafale deal.

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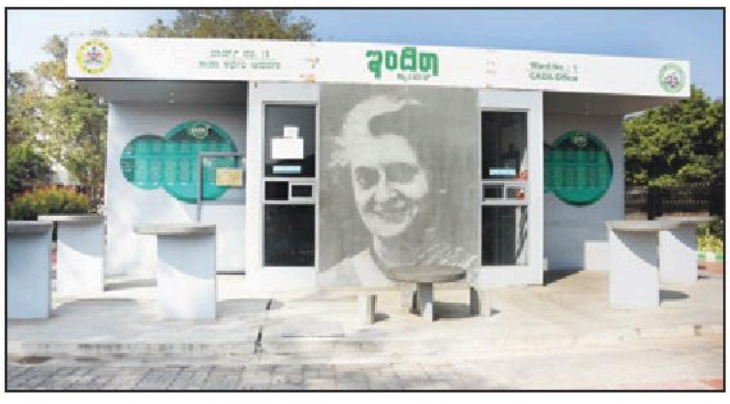
Cash crunch: Indira Canteens to close ?



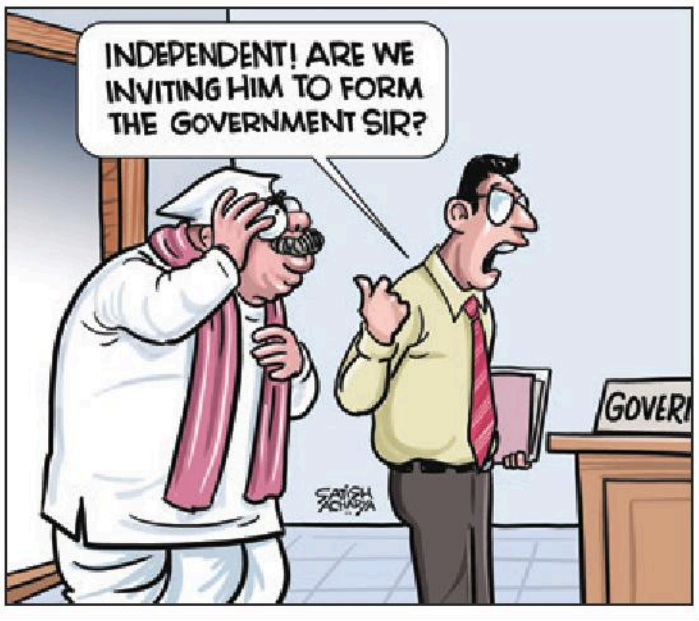
Mysuru, Nov.13 (MTY&BCT)- Facing cash crunch, the day-to-day functioning of Karnataka Government's Indira Canteen, which offers subsidised meals to the urban poor in Mysuru, is turning doubtful. Marshals and contractors of all Indira Canteens, both in Bengaluru and Mysuru, have not been paid since the last one year and this has led to several issues in its daily operations.

Indira Canteen, one of the ambitious 'food for all' projects of the State Government, was launched first in Bengaluru during August 2017 and then in Mysuru during January 2018 to make the two cities 'hunger-free' by serving affordable and clean food to the poor. The inspiration to Indira Canteens was Amma Canteens in neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

As the State Government and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) have not cleared dues, the food contractors are running the show themselves and are now struggling to meet ends due to paucity of funds. Indira Canteens are a pet project of former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and the intention of launching this project was to ensure that the poor are not deprived of food.

(See CANTEENS on page 5)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Health spend on hold

Life insurance, Health insurance, Motor vehicle insurance, General insurance and whatever, have turned from *service* to *business* in our times. The agencies offering one or the other of these *assurances* of bailing out their *policy-holders* in case of normal life going off track are merrily raising their rates of premium which are there for all to experience and at the same time imposing conditions that come in handy to repudiate the claims either partially or fully, leaving the seekers of financial returns on their investments flat-footed.

The regulatory authority presiding over the working of the insurance companies has restrained one of those with past reputation from doing any further business, strangely for the reason that the company offering *cashless* hospitalisation facility has itself gone cashless. Not even providence can come to the aid of the policy-holders of that company. The diktat of the *wise* to seekers of any type of insurance is to read the conditions invariably in *small* print.

Being *literate*, according to the loose definition of *literacy* to estimate the proportion of the country's literacy, is not enough to do the arm-twisting of the companies delaying, virtually denying, cash due to the policy-holders. Their number in the land's headcount is large enough for the insurance companies to be assured of their income from the tricky business of insurance.

A report based on a detailed study of the working of India's insurance companies by a research body, published by a daily early this week has opined that the country's health insurance *industry* has witnessed an overhaul in the past few years and its benefits have become axiomatic amongst people. Thanks to the measures announced recently by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) with guidelines such as providing health insurance coverage for mental health-related illnesses and HIV may allow people to be beneficiaries of health insurance services better than so far. While health insurance gives hopes of better quality of life to the land's people, given the rural population's unawareness about the scheme itself, *under-penetration* of any kind of insurance, particularly health insurance, remains a big concern.

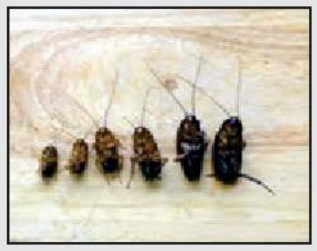
That families with income barely sufficient to keep the wolf out of their doors as it were cannot survive in the present situation of rising disease burden and killing tariffs of medical services, is saying the obvious. People can no longer take health for granted and live with a false sense of assurance that insurance companies will bail them out. Consuming food with moderation, living in sanitary environment, avoiding health-threatening habits and other prescriptions including regular exercises are the watch-words for all.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Death. Mortality. End of life. Something inevitable, yet rarely discussed and a source of intense discomfort for most. When mentioned, it is considered inauspicious and rude in many cultures. And yet, death is an integral part of the work day for a critical-care Physician. Healthcare providers are not trained to talk about something we are "supposed to prevent." But if we work so hard to build a life, why not at least consider how we would like to die. Life can turn out vastly different from what we expect, yet we make every effort to build a life we value. The same goes for death. People want their healthcare decisions to reflect their core values. And very few people talk about death and end-of-life issues with their loved ones or doctor. When a family member is hard-pressed to make decisions at the end of life (for a patient unable to do so for themselves), a prior discussion can at least point them in the right direction. *— Sonali Mantoo in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man had a family of cockroaches living in ear canal



Shangai: A 24-year-old Chinese man who visited a hospital to complain about sharp pain in his right ear was shocked to learn that he had an entire family of cockroaches living in his ear canal.

The young man arrived at Sanhe Hospital, in Guangdong Province, southeast China, last month, complaining of sharp pain in his right ear, and a sensation like something was crawling and scratching in his ear. Dr. Zhong Yijin, an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist at the hospital examined the man's ear canal and was shocked to see a full-grown German cockroach and over 10 of its offspring running around.

Hospital staff extracted the cockroach and its small babies with tweezers. The man was left with minor injuries to his ear, and was discharged with a course of antibiotics.

Cafe sells matte black coffee with black cream

New York: If you're keen on trying the blackest coffee around, you may want to give the Matte Black Latte at Round K cafe in New Your City a try. As the owner of the place puts it, "it's black like my soul."

For Round K owner Ockhyeon Byeon, black coffee was just a dark brown, so he started thinking of ways to make the popular drink actually black. At first, he used different types of activated charcoal, but then he settled on coconut ash, which not only gave the product its dark color, but a nutty flavor as well.

It is made with over 90 percent Dutch process cacao, a double shot of espresso, coconut ash, almond milk and some ice. The finishing touch is a topping of "black whipped cream" made with coconut ash, marzipan and coconut cream.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What can I do to avoid overeating at holiday meals?

Make choices on how much you will eat before you start filling your plate. Choose to take reasonable portions. If you take seconds, choose vegetables and other low carb foods. If you choose to have dessert, keep the portion small.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Entries invited for Division-level Jain Bhajan Contest

Mysuru, Nov.13 - The Mysuru Division of Bharathiya Jain Milan, Zone-8, has organised 4th Division-level Jain Bhajan Contest at Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatha Kalyana Mantapa in Jayalakshmipuram on Nov.17 at 9 am for the Members of Jain Milans, Jain Associations and Jain Samajas of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Chikmagalur, Kodagu and Wayanad districts.

Shruta Jitesh of Dharmasthala will inaugurate the contest in the presence of Bharathiya Jain Milan Zone-8 President Pushparaj Jain and Working President K. Prasannakumar.

Interested may contact Zonal Secretary K. Yuvaraj Bhandary on Mob: 98455-93150, according to a press release.

'Vishwamanava Award' for Litterateurs

Mysuru, Nov.13 - In memory of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, Dejagow Trust and Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, have been conferring 'Vishwamanava Award' to litterateurs every year. Accordingly, applications are invited from eligible litterateurs for this year's award. Authors who have written about Kuvempu and his works are eligible. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.

Likewise, an endowment fund has been established by Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust to felicitate persons who have served for the growth and development of Kannada language and State, in memory of *Karnataka Ratna, Nadoja* Dr. Dejagow. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and a citation.

Decision of selection committee will be final. The awards will be conferred at a function to mark the birth anniversary of Kuvempu on Dec.29. Interested may send three sets of their literary work along with their biodata and recent photograph to Shivasundara Satyendra, Secretary, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Kalidasa Road, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru-12 before Nov.30.

Really...?

- *The Antarctic Snow Cruiser was a massive 55-foot land vehicle, built for facilitating Antarctic exploration. It was designed between 1937 and 1939 by scientist and explorer Thomas Poulter. When fully loaded, the behemoth weighed 75,000 pounds or 34,000 kilograms. Also called by nicknames such as "The Penguin" and "Turtle," the Snow Cruiser was a force to be reckoned with. Despite being one of the greatest engineering legends in the history of America, the vehicle failed to operate as well as it should have. Missing in action to this day, the Antarctic Snow Cruiser was eventually abandoned. It is now buried in a deep layer of snow and ice.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Situation — In a room light goes off...people open their mobile torch by their normal handsets.
Guy with an Iphone, "Please someone show light on my face so that I can unlock my phone!!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.58
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.05
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.49
1 Euro	= Rs.78.98

VOICE OF THE READER

Is road median a boon or bane?

Sir,

Medians on the road help to control traffic movement and avoid head-on collision of vehicles, if drivers of vehicles moving in opposite direction are not following lane discipline. Thus it helps in reducing the road accident related injuries, deaths and loss of property.

However, it became a major hindrance to many vehicle users and pedestrians. Riding on the wrong side of the road, whether there is a median or not in the road, is being noticed in major cities across the country, including Mysuru. Mainly two-wheeler riders are blatantly violating the road safety rule and riding in opposite direction or riding on the wrong side of the road dividers especially at signals and inviting accidents *(see photo)*.

Pedestrians are jumping over the medians instead of approaching the zebra cross near the Circles. No road in the city and its extension areas is an exception to such type of violation. Many are violating this road safety rule and inviting accidents by driving in wrong side of the road, instead of going in right direction and taking U-turn ahead.

Recently in Vijayawada, four people died in a road accident when a milk van hit an auto when it was speeding in wrong side of the road. Some other vehicle users who do not want to take U-turn are damaging the median *(see photo)* and sneaking through the gap created and taking risk for themselves and posing threat to other road users. The photo taken on Outer Ring Road in Mysuru city between Bogadi and Hinkal is one such example.

In the absence of raised platform on the service road, public damaged the median on the Ring Road and crossing the median here to enter the small by-lane in Vijayanagar fourth stage straight away (providing heavy concrete medians over the drain or raising the height of the drain here is the solution). Such people are not bothering about road safety. It looks that they want to save petrol and time by avoiding going up to the U-turn ahead and taking right turn to enter the service road and come back to the same road.

In addition to this, in the eventuality of an accident that results in death of public, they expect government to pay compensation. Unfortunately, those who are raising their voice against increased penalties are not raising voice against such violators of road safety rules, who are a major threat to other road users!

—Dr. S. V. N. Vijayendra,
Traffic Warden
Roopanagar
2.11.2019

Problems faced by Mysureans

Sir,

These are some of the observations on problems faced by us in our day-to-day lives in this city:

1. Why are we getting water from tankers even though the reservoirs and dams are full? It is the responsibility of KUWS&DB and Vani Vilas Water Works to supply clean, potable drinking water to the entire city.

2. Most of the roads in the city are full of craters and potholes. This poses a hazard to motorists and pedestrians. Pavement paver blocks too are unevenly laid which is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, especially after dusk.

3. There is a vegetable market behind Dasara Exhibition Grounds and near Mall of Mysore. As vegetables are strewn around by the vendors, a lot of cattle roam around the entire area throughout the day and night. They feed on the rotting vegetables, loiter around and create a big nuisance for pedestrians and motorists. This is also a health hazard as a lot of garbage collects there, which contributes to mosquito breeding and insects. Also, there are a lot of garbage heaps around the entire city.

4. The monkey menace is almost unbearable. They all come from near JSS Hospital and enter our apartments.

5. A lot of accidents occur because of reckless driving by motorists, autos and motorcyclists. The cops should be alert and levy heavy fines for reckless driving, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the roads and breaking traffic signals. Street lights should also be installed on all roads and should be working after dusk too.

Mysuru is a beautiful city which is neglected. It would be good for the betterment of the city if all the authorities concerned wake up and take prompt action.

—P.V. Wadia
Mysuru
1.11.2019

Two-day Intl. Conference on Economic Growth and Sustainable Development

Mysuru, Nov.13- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Chamundi Hill Road, has organised the 5th International Conference on the theme of Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends on Nov. 15 and 16. The conference will deliberate on the factors driving growth and causing slowdown in the economies in the emerging global open market. It also has the objective of reviewing the sustainability frameworks adopted in different contexts by the national economies, and the firms.

The conference is organised in the backdrop of growing economic uncertainties and instabilities in significant parts of the world including India.

The conference will be inaugurated by Dr.Sébastien Chantelot, Director of La Rochelle Business School (France) and Vice Dean-Academics of Excelia Group.

Industry professionals and internationally reputed academics will be delivering special lectures on different issues pertaining to the conference theme. The conference has an exclusive panel discussion on sustainability and business economy. Experts from different domains of sustainability are the panellists.

Members from academia, industry and research scholars from different parts of the country and abroad are presenting research papers or case studies for further deliberations.

Workshop on Development Banking

A pre-conference workshop has been organised on Nov. 14 on the theme of Development Banking and Inclusive Growth: Emerging Trends. Srinivas Acharya, Managing Director of Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance, will be inaugurating the workshop. Experts from the field of development banking are the resource persons.

The workshop is run through lectures, debates and moderated panel discussion. Interested may contact Dr.Venkatraja, Conference Chairperson on Mob: 94803-42652 or email to: *iec2019@sdmimd.ac.in*, according to a press release from Dr. M.V. Sunil, Media Officer, SDM-IMD, Mysuru.

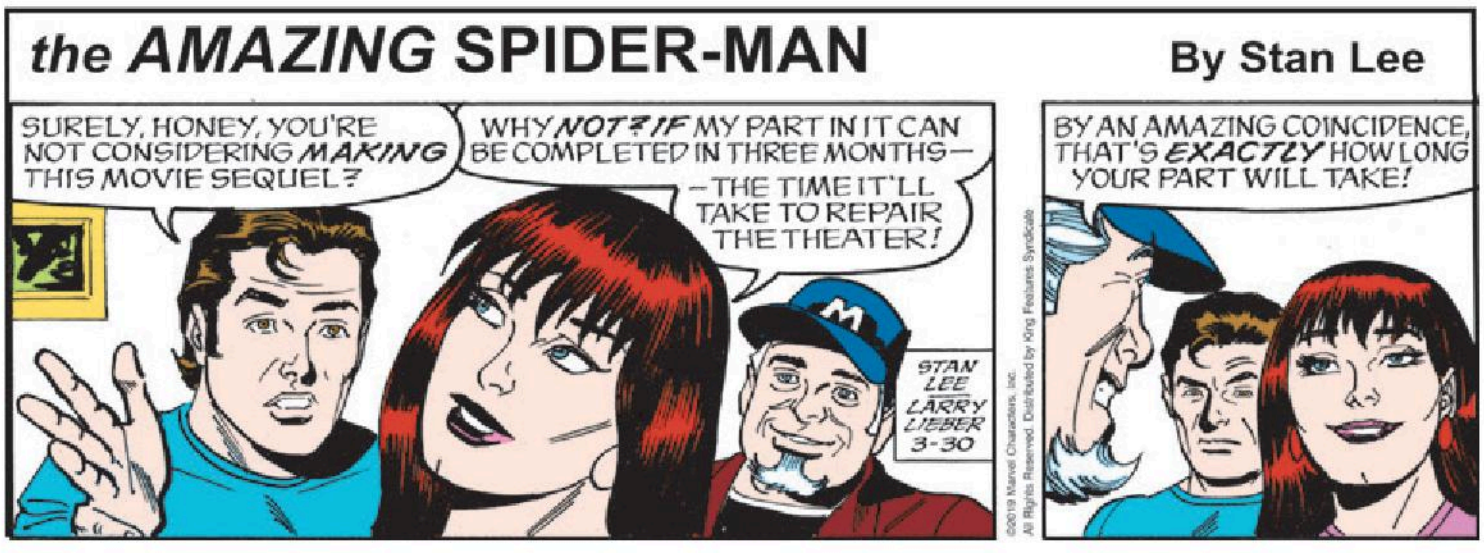
Inter-School drawing and painting contest on Nov.16

Mysuru, Nov.13- Bishop Mar Chrysostom Birth Centenary Inter School on-the-spot drawing and painting competition for children will be held at St. Thomas School in Vishweshwaranagar on Nov.16 (Saturday) in connection with Children's Day.

Students of Standard VIII to X can take part. Prizes for the same will be Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,000, Rs. 1,000 and 5 consolation prizes of Rs.500 each. Interested children can register their names before Nov.15 on Mob: 80502-12608 or 0821-2481932.

Prajna Yoga from Nov. 16

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Art of Living, Mysore Chapter, has organised Intuition Process (Prajna Yoga) on Nov. 16 and 17 at Gnanakshetra, Art of Living Ashram, Lalithadripura Road in city for Seniors from 3 pm to 6 pm and Juniors from 1 pm to 3 pm. For registration contact Mob: 99866-98600 or 99720-35630.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BY AN AMAZING COINCIDENCE, THAT'S EXACTLY HOW LONG YOUR PART WILL TAKE!
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NEWS BRIEFS

Nov.14 deadline for registration

The Competitive Examination Coaching Centre of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has set Nov.14 as the deadline for registration of candidates for University Grants Commission - National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET), JRF (Junior Research Fellow) and Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) coaching classes. Those interested may register at the Coaching Centre before 4 pm on Nov.14. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090, according to a press release.

Deepotsava on Nov.19

As part of Kartika Maasa, Deepotsava will take place at Sri Raakasamma Temple, Doddabeedi, Kalale, Nanjangud taluk, at 7 pm on Nov.19. For details, contact Mob: 98868-60050.

Scholarship: Entries invited

Scheduled Castes Welfare Department has invited online applications from Post-Matric students belonging to Scheduled Tribe for scholarship for the year 2019-20. Applications can be submitted online (http://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/) before Nov.30, according to a press release from Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) Co-ordinator.

Yoga Learning

As a prelude to the International Yoga Conference, the District AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy) Office has organised a Yoga Learning programme on Nov.14 from 6 am to 8 am at Mysore Palace premises in city. The Central AYUSH Department will be holding International Yoga Conference with the theme 'Yoga for Healthy Heart' at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall on Nov.15 and 16.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	5,926 cusecs
Outflow	5,718 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.53 ft
Inflow	1,583 cusecs
Outflow	1,725 cusecs

Mysore University students seek better hostel facilities

Mysuru, Nov.13 (YDS&SD)- A large number of girl students of Maharaja College Ladies Hostel, University of Mysore, staged a protest yesterday against the authorities alleging lack of facilities at the hostel.

Hundreds of girl students gathered outside the hostel and expressed their anger against the warden. The protesting students claimed that the pathetic conditions of the bathrooms and toilets as well as lack of water from the last one week had left them in the lurch.

They added that there is no UPS in the hostel, which is causing a lot of inconvenience during power cuts and also complained about the absence of female staff during night.

Students also alleged that warden Vasanta had not responded to the problems that they are facing. "From the last four days, there is no water available here in the hostel. After protesting, today they have supplied water in a tanker, but why did not they do the same four days ago?" asked a student.

Student Welfare Dean of Mysore University Ramaswamy met the protesting students, informed that he was unaware of inconveniences faced by the students. He agreed to take care of issues and took the warden to task.

Minister suggests 'Water Bell' in schools to uphold importance of hydration

Suresh Kumar

Bengaluru, Nov.13 (US)- Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar, known to be always keen to effect a positive change to improve any system, has now come forward to introduce 'Water Bell' in all schools in the State as being followed at schools in Kerala.

He has asked the Commissioner of Department of Public Instruction to work on how the proposal could be implemented and arrive at an action plan soon.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Suresh Kumar said that the body consists of 70% of water and staying hydrated is essential to maintain a good health condition. He observed that many students because of dehydration invite many ailments. Quoting the practice in vogue in Kerala schools, the Minister said that like bells for classes, lunch break and games, a bell thrice a day is being rung in schools in Kerala to remind students to drink water. He added that the good concept was initiated in a school in Kasargod which is now being followed in schools in Thrissur, Thiruvananthapuram and other places in Kerala.

A few private schools are said to have been following the 'Water Bell' concept in Karnataka also and possibly the Government Schools too would fall in line once the Minister issues a directive through the Department.

Teachers for poll duty

Suresh Kumar, in a letter written to the State Chief Election Commissioner, has appealed the latter not to utilise school teachers for poll duty. The Minister is said to have contended that the absence of teachers has resulted in leaving syllabus unfinished and teachers tend to lose tempo of teaching owing to the break.

He has also requested the State Election Commissioner not to utilise teachers for any other poll-related duties also.

Special Classes

Suresh Kumar has said that it is being contemplated to arrange special classes for SSLC students in Government Schools right from the commencement of the academic year in the morning and evening after assessing the learning ability of the students in any particular subject of the curriculum.

He was speaking to the media after addressing a meeting of Principals of schools focussing on quality education for students.

The Minister observed that the learning interest was found to be declining among students after third standard and added that the teachers have been asked to tackle that problem.

He contended that students have fallen back in Mathematics, English and Science which would be tackled by grooming the teachers first who can later put the new ideas to practice.

Elderly person among two missing from city

Jayaramaiah *Madevaprasad*

Mysuru, Nov.13 (KS)- In separate incidents, a 64-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy have gone missing from city.

In the first incident, 64-year-old C. Jayaramaiah, who left his house for work on Nov.5 at about 8.30 am, has since gone missing.

He is 5.8 ft. tall, thin built, oval faced, fair complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a white shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

In the second incident, 17-year-old Madevaprasad, who left his house on Oct.20 at about 5 pm, saying that he was going to the park to bring his grandmother, has since gone missing. He is 5 ft. tall, lean built, oval faced, oily red complexioned, has a scar near the nose and stitch mark on his right leg, speaks Kannada and was wearing a white stripes shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the two, may contact Vijayanagar Police on Ph: 0821-2418117/ 317/ 517 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Station House Officer, Vijayanagar Police Station, Mysuru.

Unidentified body found in Varuna Canal

Mysuru, Nov.13 (SPN &KS)- Varuna Police have found a body of an unidentified person floating in Varuna Canal.

The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years and the Police have suspected that the unidentified person may have committed suicide two days ago. The deceased has a thread tied to his wrist. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418612.

100th Aarti for River Cauvery in Kushalnagar

Kushalnagar, Nov. 13 (Akshay &BCT)- The purpose of Cauvery *Aarti* is to show humility and gratitude to God's divine form. Cauvery *Aarti* is a devotional offering to the River Goddess. This offering is made to the Goddess, also affectionately referred to as Mother. Last night, the 100th *Aarti* was performed to the River and hundreds of devotees took part in the ceremony.

The Cauvery *Aarti* project was launched by Akhila Bharat Sanyasi Sangh and Cauvery Nadi Swachhatha Andolana taking a cue from 'Namaami Gange' project that was launched in North India to increase the devotion on the River and at the same time keeping the River clean.

Though the River Cauvery appears clean downstream, it is polluted by hundreds of service stations and industries all along its way from Talacauvery to Siddapura and Kushalnagar till it reaches the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Mandya. These industries and service stations illegally let out gallons of oil-mixed water into the river on a daily basis.

Though the Kodagu Administration and the Police conduct multiple raids on these illegal units from time to time, the menace has not stopped.

To create awareness about the holiness of Cauvery River and make people understand not to pollute the lifeline, the Akhila Bharat Sanyasi Sangh and Cauvery Nadi Swachhatha Andolana launched a *padayatra* in 2011 from Talacauvery, its birthplace to Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu where it joins the Bay of Bengal. The activists walked on the river banks telling people not to pollute the River and at the same time asking them to pray for continued and abundant water supply.

During night, the activists performed *Aarti* to the river at places, gathering a crowd. Taking a cue from this, in 2011, Cauvery Nadi Swachhatha Andolana Karnataka State Coordinator M.N. Chandramohan started the *Aarti* to River Cauvery every Full Moon Day (Hunnime) in Kushalnagar near Ayyappa Swamy Temple under the guidance of Sri Ganesh Swaroopanananda Swamiji of Srirangapatna and Sri Ramananda Swamiji from Tamil Nadu.

Yesterday, the 100th *Aarti* was held and a stage programme was organised on the occasion. After the event, a colourful *Aarti* was performed and the river waters reflected the *Aarti* lights, bringing cheer among the participants. The event was marked by *Aarti* performance with 12 different types of lamp stands including Sun, Moon, Naga, Peacock, Lion and Om.

In the programme, Sri Shivasugyanatheertha Mahaswamiji of Aremadanalli Mutt addressed the gathering and said that River Cauvery is crucial for crores of people all along its banks from Talacauvery to Poompuhar as it is the only source of life. "We can survive only if the River survives. It all depends on how we save the river and what efforts are made to prevent pollution," he said.

M.N. Chandramohan said that Cauvery Nadi Swachhatha Andolana has submitted many memorandums to the State and the Centre to bring in an exclusive law to prevent Cauvery from being polluted. Also, a Police Force must be constituted to patrol the end-to-end river banks, he added.

Later a special Bhajan was organised by Kushalnagar Bhajana Mandali. Raju and team performed a street play on saving River Cauvery. Krishna Murty Bhat who has done all the 100 *Aarti* was felicitated.

MLC Sunil Subramani, Sri Sadashiva Swamiji of Kirikodli Mutt, Kodlipet, President of Ganesh Temple Vasanth Kumar, President of Cauvery Nadi Swachhatha Andolana (Kodagu) Reena Prakash, Kushalnagar Gowda Samaja President Korana Sujay Kumar, Chief Officer of Kushalnagar Panchayat D.R. Somashekar and others were present.

Indira Canteens to close?

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While there are more than 100 canteens in Bengaluru, Mysuru has eleven across the city. It serves vegetarian breakfast, lunch and dinner. While breakfast is served for Rs.5, lunch and dinner costs Rs.10.

To supply food — over 500 breakfast, lunch and dinner (1,500 plates) a day — at 11 canteens in Mysuru, food is prepared at two centralised kitchens located at Alanahalli and Kumbarakoppal. There are over 200 people working as cooks, marshals, cleaners and quality check personnel in Mysuru and they have not been paid since many months.

Severe fund crunch

Though contractors have already written to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and the Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner urging them to request the Government to release funds, sources say that even the 125 Indira Canteens run in Bengaluru are facing fund crunch and funds may not come that easily.

Lack of payment has made the workers a worried lot. Payments were on time for one year and it started slowing down after the Congress Government lost power. Though the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government took a stand to continue the scheme, funds were curtailed and stopped coming later.

Annapoorna Canteens

The BJP that came to power next initially proposed to change the name of the Indira Canteens to Annapoorna Canteens as the BJP did not want to highlight the name of one political leader for a public scheme.

Soon after assuming power, the BJP had even asked officials to ensure that the paperwork to change the name happens quickly. However, the name change did not happen. Neither was the funds released. If nobody makes any budgetary provision, then there will be a situation to shut the canteens down, sources said.

A flashpoint

Lack of funds has become a flashpoint between BJP and Congress with Siddharamaiah lashing out at Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa accusing him of attempting to 'axe down' the canteen. He has warned that the opposition will protest intensely if the Indira Canteens were closed.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru Indira Canteen food contractor M.V. Madhu said that he has written to the DC and the MCC Commissioner to release the payments and they have assured that payments will be released within a week or so. "Despite non-release of grants, we are running the show as we feel that the poor must not be deprived of their food. We have been maintaining quality and have not cut down the quantity," he added.

Hunsur by-election: H.P. Manjunath files nomination as Congress candidate

Hunsur, Nov. 13 (Raghu&US)- H.P. Manjunath filed his nomination papers as the Congress candidate this morning for Hunsur Assembly by-election on Dec.5.

Manjunath visited several temples and mosque in town, garlanded the bust of Devaraj Urs and submitted the nomination papers at the Assistant Commissioner's Office. He held a meeting at the Congress Party Office also.

Without any fanfare, Manjunath filed the papers accompanied by his mother Rathnamma.

Manjunath said that he filed the papers today being an auspicious day. Having submitted without B-Form, he added that he would file again along with the B-Form.

Disqualified State MLAs can contest

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By-elections to 15 out of these 17 Assembly seats which fell vacant following the disqualification of MLAs are scheduled on Dec. 5 and candidates are required to file their nomination papers between Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. These disqualified MLAs had recently approached the Apex Court seeking a direction to the Election Commission to postpone the elections for these 15 seats till the pronouncement of verdict in the matter.

It is worth noting that the Election Commission announced the poll schedule for only 15 of the 17 Constituencies. It did not announce by-polls in Maski and Rajarajeshwari segments as petitions are pending in Karnataka High Court relating to 2018 Assembly election.

The first reaction to the SC verdict came from disqualified Congress MLA Paratapgouda Patil: "The verdict hasn't made us fully content. But that we can contest by-polls is a relief. We're confident of winning the by-polls."

"We welcome and respect the SC decision. Not everything happens as we expect. We removed a bad Government. Now, there's a stable Government. People are ready. My constituents are ready. All of us will win and get re-elected," said B.C. Patil, another disqualified MLA.

"The Supreme Court has allowed us to contest elections. We welcome the decision as it is the highest judicial authority. The judgement, however, is not according to our expectations," said M.T.B. Nagaraj.

Obituary

Prof. Mahesh Bilwa

Mysuru, Nov.13- Prof. Mahesh Bilwa (64), retired Professor, Department of Studies in Earth Science, University of Mysore and residing near Highway Circle (Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle), Bannimantap, passed away yesterday following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife Usha, son Rakesh Bilwa, Assistant Professor at National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru and a host of relatives and friends.

Prof. Mahesh Bilwa also served as Deputy Registrar of Mysore University besides other important academic responsibilities.

Last rites were held this afternoon in city.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka explains about the precautions to be taken when rescuing feral cats

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

How long does teething in dogs last?

Weeks 2 to 4: Your puppy will still be with his mother and breeder when his baby teeth start coming in. At this point, his eyes will have opened and he'll still be nursing.

Weeks 5 to 6: By now all of your puppy's baby teeth should have come in. Dogs usually have about 28 baby teeth in total. Around this time, the breeder will likely have already, or will, be in the process of weaning the puppies in the litter as they learn to eat moist, soft puppy food.

Weeks 12 to 16: This is around the time you'll get to take your puppy home with you. This is also the time when you may start to find little crumb to rice-sized teeth around your home, as your puppy's baby teeth start to shed and permanent adult teeth emerge.

6 Months and Older: By the time your puppy is about six months old or so, all of his puppy teeth should have fallen out, and his adult teeth should have grown in. In general, adult dogs have about 42 teeth.

Is obesity in a dog harmful? How to help a dog overcome it?

Obesity can cause the following complications in the dog: Extra weight puts extra pressure on a dog's joints. The cartilage in the joint deteriorates, which leads to arthritis. Sure, we can give pain medications, but weight loss helps significantly.

Too much weight is a well-known risk factor for tearing the ACL (Anterior Cruciate Ligament), an important ligament in the knee. A torn ACL must be repaired with surgery.

Weight gain can cause heart disease and high blood pressure. It's also linked to breathing problems.

The heart and lungs, of overweight and obese dogs, have to work harder during anaesthesia.

Obesity may increase the risk of certain tumours, such as benign fatty tumours (lipomas), as well as breast and bladder cancer (transitional cell carcinoma).

Overweight dogs have extra skin folds, which can cause irritation and infection by bacteria.

Treatment of obesity in dogs focuses on weight loss, followed by maintenance of a healthy weight for life.

Exercise is as important as diet in reaching and maintaining a healthy body weight.

If your dog eats too fast, a special bowl, that requires the pet to work to get each piece of food, is available at most pet stores. Another good tool is a treat ball that dispenses treats, only if your dog rolls it around.

Dietary changes must be made gradually to avoid upsetting the gastrointestinal tract. Unless your veterinarian instructs otherwise, once a new food is purchased, mix half of the new food with half of the old food and feed this mixture for seven days. Thereafter, you can safely feed the new food only.

What special precautions must be taken when rescuing feral cats?

Strays live outdoors. You don't know what they're bringing in. Most people think of fleas and ticks, but cats can also carry fatal diseases and parasites. Toxoplasmosis is one such offender and can cause serious health complications, or death. Have the cat thoroughly examined and spayed, or neutered, if this hasn't already been done.

Stray cats are used to prowling. They may also be used to stealing food, or eliminating wherever and whenever. Purchase vet-recommended food, a litter box, and other essentials, and integrate your cat slowly. Do not punish a cat for accidents, and encourage him or her to eat often, particularly if malnourished. Use food to lure the cat indoors, particularly in cat-accessible places like a porch. However, don't start petting immediately. Strays may not trust humans and might try to scratch or bite. To build trust, make eye contact with the cat and blink slowly.

My dog is afraid of travelling in the car. I keep the windows closed to keep him confined to the car. What should I do to make him overcome this fear?

There can be various reasons:

Car sickness: Just as people do, some dogs get car sick. They may feel nauseated or even vomit during car rides.

An unfamiliar feeling: Dogs that aren't used to going on car rides may be disturbed by the odd feeling of riding in a car. Cars usually have their own smell, and there's also the sound of the engine, the vibrations of the floor, and seeing everything whizzing past at a fast speed.

Negative experiences: Some dogs associate the car with negative experiences, which can easily develop into a fear.

To helping the dog overcome this fear: Begin by enticing your dog to the car rather than forcing him to approach. Many dogs with this fear start putting on the brakes as soon as the car comes into view. Instead of dragging your dog to the car, slowly lure him closer using lots of treats and praise.

Have some special bonding time with your dog inside the car. Don't rush to slam the doors shut and start the engine the minute your dog finally hops inside. Instead, leave the doors open and spend some time snuggling.

Start your engine. When your dog has become fairly comfortable hanging out with you in the car, start it up.

Begin with small trips. Don't make your dog's first car ride a long road trip.

Take your dog to fun destinations. Your dog's first long car ride should not be to the veterinarian. Instead, take it someplace fun where he can run around.

What kind of birds can I keep as pets?

None. All birds are wild, whether Indian or exotic, and they belong in the sky. To keep a bird caged is the wickedest thing you can do. Moreover, caging a bird is depriving it of its natural habitat and chaining it. Indian birds are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and all birds are protected under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

A pet is a companion who brings you happiness and whom you make happy. What happiness can you get from birds when you jail them? They are sad and they hate you and long to die. It just brings bad luck.

Why does my dog not drink enough water?

In most cases, refusal to drink can be linked to an injury near, or inside, of a dog's mouth. Dogs love to chew on things, particularly objects that are tough enough to give their teeth a challenge. It's pretty easy for chunks of wood, plastic, or rock, to end up grinding around inside your pet's mouth, causing small cuts and scrapes that can make it painful to drink. Damaged teeth will also produce very similar effects.

Nerves and anxiety can also cause a loss of thirst and appetite in dogs. These emotions can be linked to a change in surroundings or lifestyle, including new pets or people staying in the house. An absent family member can cause a significant amount of stress as well. In most cases, dogs acclimate to these changes quickly on their own, causing their desire to eat and drink to return after a few days. However, particularly sensitive dogs may need additional assistance to calm down and get well again.

Changes in water can also influence your pet's willingness to drink. Even small differences in taste and smell can be a big deal for your dog. So, if you've swapped using well water to city water, your dogs might not be drinking because they are uncomfortable with it. If this is the case, you can try mixing some bottled water into your dog's dish to help them get used to the change.

Regardless of why your pet stopped drinking, your next step should be to arrange a check-up with your local vet. They should be able to examine your pet to determine exactly what the trouble is and how you can go about fixing it.

To join the animal welfare movement contact
gandhim@*nic.in*
www.peopleforanimalsindia.org

PFA HELPLINE

Savitha Nagabhushan - 9845654429
DOGS, PUPPIES, CATS, KITTENS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION [Contact: Ph: 0821-2598213]
Timings: 8 am to 8 pm

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS

Readers with queries about their pets health, care and behavioural issues may send their questions to *SOM* : *voice@starofmysore.com*

TALENTS-2019

Inter-School Cultural Contest on Nov. 30

Mysuru, Nov. 13 - The 2019 edition of the popular "*Talents: Inter-School cultural competition*" organised by Mysore Round Table-21 and Mysore Ladies Circle-9 will be held on Nov. 30 at Swami Vivekananda Hall of SBRR Mahajana PU College in Jayalakshmipuram.

The contest provides a platform for students to present their talent and interests on stage as well as exchange ideas with students from other participating schools.

The theme for the competition this year will be "Technology and Social Media: Finding the right balance. " All acts and performances will be based on the overwhelming influence that technology and social media have on both adults and children today and how we need to balance both the positive and negative aspects of social media and technology.

Talents-2019 competition is an opportunity for teachers and students to interact and work together to create awareness about the benefits of technology and social media as well as the detrimental aspects of the same and the need in finding the right balance.

The competition is open to students from 5th to 10th standards. Each team should have a minimum of 8 students and a maximum of 20 students per school.

The competition categories include Song, Dance, Skit, Musical Instrument, Debate and Essay writing. **Scholarships worth Rs. 1 lakh will be given to the winning schools and students.** For details, the schools can call Mob: 99003-59172 or 99806-16521.

Childline-1098 Mysuru to hold week-long awareness drive

Mysuru, Nov.13 (PM&SD)- To create awareness about Childline-1098, Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP), Mysuru in association with Organisation for the Development of People (ODP) Nodal Office, Mysuru and Nisarga Foundation, HD Kote, has organised a week-long programme called 'Maitri' from Nov. 14 to Nov. 20.

Addressing the press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairperson H.T. Kamala said that 'Maitri' create awareness about Childline -1098 as part of Children's Day.

Senior Civil Judge and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) B.P. Devamane will be inaugurating the week-long programme at Maharani's Pre-University College Auditorium in city on Nov. 14 at 11.45 am. Deputy Director of PU Education Dr. Nagaratna will preside.

Elaborating on the operations, she said that "Childline functioning in Mysuru has received 1,951 calls between Nov. 2018 and Oct. 2019, out of which employees of Childline Foundation have responded to 1,207 calls received. During this period, we have rehabilitated 64 children, provided medical aid to 32 children, rescued 78 from physical abuse and 14 from sexual abuse. Also, 56 children have been re-admitted to schools, counselled 5 children who were into drug abuse and have received 120 calls related to child marriage."

Childline member Chikkathimma Nayaka, District Co-ordinator Dhanaraj, RLHP Director Saraswati, ODP Assistant Director Rev. Fr. Alex Prashanth and District Co-ordinator Shashi Kumar were present at the press meet.

Childline India Foundation is a project of Ministry of Women and Child Development. It is a non-government organisation in India that operates a telephone helpline called Childline, for children in distress.

It was India's first 24-hour, toll free, phone outreach service for children. A concerned adult or a child can dial the toll free number 1098 for emergency needs of children.

Walkathons to mark Diabetes and Children's Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS) - As part of World Diabetes Day, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre on Gokulam Road in V.V. Mohalla, has organised a Walkathon and a free diabetes check-up camp tomorrow in city.

The Walkathon will commence at 7 am from Cheluvamba Park in Yadavagiri and conclude at Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Centre. The free check up camp will be held from 8 am to 5 pm at the Centre.

More than 500 participants are expected to take part in the Walkathon which will be flagged off by MLA L. Nagendra in the presence of Corporator SBM Manju, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayana Gowda, RBI Manager Ramesh Kumar and others.

For registration and details, contact Ph: 0821-2411323/324, according to a press release.

Children's Day

As part of Children's Day, St. Thomas Institutions, Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru, has organised a Walkathon tomorrow at 6.30 am.

MLA S.A. Ramdas will flag off the Walkathon from the school premises. Manager of St. Thomas Institutions Rev. Prakash Abraham will preside. Mysuru South Block Education Officer Shivakumar, Corporators Shobha Suneel and Bhuvaneshwari Prabhumurthy, Mar Thoma Education Society Secretary Sam Cherian Kumbukattu and Treasurer Ebby Eapen will be present as guests of honour.

Kautilya Vidyalaya

Kautilya Vidyalaya at Kanakadasanagar will also be celebrating Children's Day at its premises from 9 am to 4 pm tomorrow.

Unique programmes such as pen-stand making, pot decoration, face-painting, tattoo, mehendi and cooking have been organised.

Essay and Painting competition

Bhima Jewels on B.N. Road near Suburban Bus Stand has organised essay and drawing-painting competition for students from 5th to 7th standard at 10.30 am tomorrow at its premises in city.

The topic for essay is 'Climate Change' and the topic for drawing contest is 'Village Life.' Drawing sheets and white sheets will be provided by the organisers and the students have to bring their own brushes, colours, pens and cardboard sheets.

Prizes will be given to the first three winners and all participants will be given certificates. Interested should register their names before 10 am on Nov. 14.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-4003131/32 or Mob: 94487-38811/99161-29651.

Children's music programme at Ganabharathi on Nov.15

Mysuru, Nov. 13- On the occasion of Children's Day, Ganabharathi has organised a children's music programme on Nov. 15 at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar.

Disciples of various Gurus — Vidu. Dr. R.N. Srilatha, Vidu. G. S. Rajalakshmi, Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala, Vidu. Neeraja Achyutharao, Vid. H. K. Narasimhamurthy, Vid. V. S. Ramesh, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam and the children of Ganabharathi Music School will take part.

The programme will start at 4pm with the performance of students of Ganabharathi till 5 pm followed by disciples of Koviladi Kala (5 to 5.30 pm); disciples of Sukanya Prabhakar (5.30 to 6 pm), disciples of Srilatha (6 to 6.30 pm), disciples of Rajalakshmi (6.30 to 7 pm), disciples of Neeraja Achyutharao (7 to 7.30 pm) and disciples of Bellary M. Raghavendra (7.30 to 8 pm), according to a press release from Ganabharathi.

'Healthy Baby' contest: Entries invited

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Rotary Mysore North and Inner Wheel Club of Mysore North have organised 'Healthy Baby' contest as part of Children's Day celebrations at Rotary Centre, JLB Road, on Nov.15 at 10.30 am.

Babies in the age group of one to three years are eligible to participate in the contest. Prize distribution ceremony will be held at 7 pm. Decision of juries will be final.

Those interested to participate should bring birth certificate of the child. To register and for more details, contact Mob: 81238-39688 or 97394-59983 or 98808-97237, according to a press release.

Booktalk

Informative book on Kashmir

Kashmir is acclaimed as the Heaven on Earth. However, it is also a political hotspot of the world. With the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A on 5th August 2019, this book is a very timely publication concerning the State of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

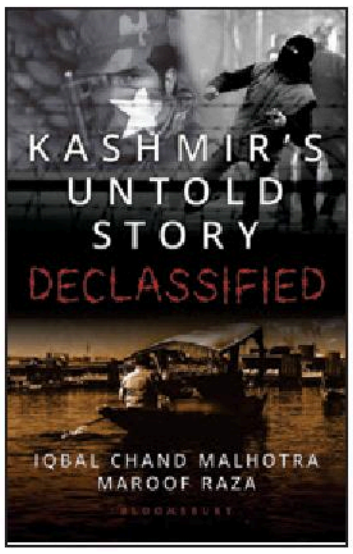
It is a highly researched book written by two hard-boiled professionals. **Iqbal Chand Malhotra** has roots in Kashmir and has had links with Royal family of J&K. He has to his credit several TV shows and publications depicting different shades of grandeur and problems of J&K.

Maroof Raza is a very well-known face on television. His commentaries and analysis on defence matters, more particularly regarding complex issues of J&K, have roots in his military service apart from his prolific writings.

Ten chapters of the book cover very important and highly complex historical narratives of the State of J&K.

In the first few chapters, the authors narrate the historical links of this land with Alexander the Great, Christ and the Mohammed. Ashoka the Great is stated to have brought Buddhism to this land in the mid 3rd century BC. In 1339 Sultan Dynasty replaced Hinduism and Buddhism with Islam. Nund Rishi was the Patron Saint of the land. Due to suppressive rule of Sultans he converted into Islam and adopted a new name — Sheikh Nur-ud-Din Wali (Light of the Faith).

He is said to have preached tolerance which is said to have given birth to culture of Kashmiriyat. Mughals ruled this land for 166 years, between 1586 and 1752. Thereafter, there was 5-year rule of Durranis from Afghanistan.



Title: Kashmir's Untold Story — Declassified
Authors: Iqbal Chand Malhotra & Maroof Raza
Pages: 202
Price: Rs. 599
Publisher: Bloomsbury India Publications, New Delhi

British annexed this land in 1757. The authors have analysed the shifting geo-political scenario manoeuvred by shrewd and cunning British rule. Once being a geographical part of large Punjab Princely State, its boundaries included Baltistan and Gilgit bordering Afghanistan, Russia and China. This became the cause for extraordinary interest to the British.

In the next few chapters, the authors very deftly narrate the British political manipulations. It is quite revealing to learn that British created a Deep State within its administration to ensure that the Northern part of Baltistan, Gilgit and North West Provinces remained under their political control. So much so, this Deep State manipulated the decisions leading to and after Independence.

The book reveals as to how this Deep State became manipulators of foreign policy of Pakistan till as late as 1960s. Creation of ISI and its nefarious activities have origin in British Deep State. Obviously, the anti-Hindu stance of Pakistan and thousand-cuts policy to bleed India have been tempered by the British dislikes of Hindus and India as well. How politician Syed Mohammed Yusuf Shah went on to become Syed Salahuddin, dreaded head of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen now in Pakistan, also is revealed.

The latter chapters of the book very minutely expose post Independence political scenario. Emergence of Sheikh Abdullah, his proximity to Nehru, precarious political condition of Maharaja Hari Singh, Indira Gandhi's relations with the Abdullahs, dynastic rule of a few families are well-detailed.

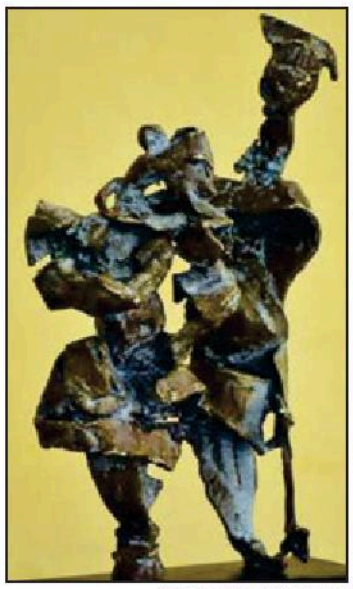
Pakistani involvement in the political destabilisation of Kashmir is very succinctly narrated. **Authors blame the indecisiveness and lack of clarity in India's policy towards Kashmir as the main reasons for the turmoil.**

As the book is published some time in August-September of 2019, Postscript integrates the earlier chapters with the current situation arising out of the removal of Article 370 and 35A as a right approach to bring true secularism, equality, prosperity and peace to Kashmir.

This book is well-presented with many Images, exhaustive Endnotes and helpful Index. It is a readable and very informative book.

—R. Chandra Prakash

Shilpakala Academy Chairman to be felicitated on Nov. 17



Art works by Veeranna Manappa Arkasali.

Veeranna Manappa Arkasali

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Internationally renowned sculptor of Mysuru city, Veeranna Manappa Arkasali will be felicitated on being appointed as the Chairman of Karnataka Shilpakala Academy by the Government of Karnataka.

The function is organised by Gayana Sabha, Mysuru, at Kalpa Kshethra auditorium in Vijayanagar on Nov. 17 at 6 pm.

Dr. M.S.Bhaskar, a Neuro-Surgeon and Hindustani Classical Music Vocalist, will preside.

The following experts will speak on the works of Veeranna: K.V. Subramanyam, Art Historian & Contemporary Art Critic; Prof. Chandrashekhar, retd. Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Mysore and Vijay Rao, ex-Dean, Department of Art History, CAVA.

Veeranna holds a Master's Degree in Fine Arts with specialisation in Sculpture from College of Fine Arts, Chithrakala Parishath, Bengaluru University. He is also a professional photographer, trained by Pallon N. Dharuwala of California Brooks Institute, focusing on Fashion, Interior and calendar photography.

A versatile sculptor, Veeranna has exhibited amazing talent equally in Stone Carving, Bronze casting, and Wood Carving. He has been a Resource Person in major workshops conducted by different State Academies of the country. As a Hindustani Classical Music vocalist, he has won awards in many competitions. He has accompanied on tanpura, music maestros like Ustad Rashid Khan, Pt Rajeev Tharanath, Pt Venkateshkumar and many more.His sculptures have been exhibited in internationally known art galleries.

Presently, Veeranna is a member of the faculty at Department of Sculpture, Chamarajendra Govt College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru.

Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Kalaburagi from Feb.5

Bengaluru, Nov.13(US)- The 85th Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will be held from Feb.5 to 7 next at the Kalaburagi University campus. The decision was taken at a meeting held yesterday in Kalaburagi chaired by Kannada Sahitya Parishat State President Dr. Manu Baligar in the presence of DC B. Sharath.

Manu Baligar said that the Sammelana scheduled to have been held in North Karnataka in December had been postponed to February next in the context of the recent floods in that region.

After 1987, Kalaburagi will be hosting the Sammelana after a gap of 32 years.

No power tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov.13- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following villages: T. Narasipur, Kiragasur, T. Doodapura, Hemmige, Benakanahalli, Mutthalawadi, Sosale, Kolathur, Ukkalagere, Doddabagilu, Hosakote and Gargeshwari.

Opening of new store

Mysuru, Nov.13- CaratLane, a Tanishq Partnership, is opening a new store at #146, Devaraja Mohalla on Devaraja Urs Road in city at 12.30 pm tomorrow (Nov.14).

Future Skills Forum launch tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov.13- Future Skills Forum will be launched at Sarada Vilas Educational Institution in association with National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), said Institution President B.S. Parthasarathy.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, he said that various courses will be introduced under this Forum, which will be inaugurated tomorrow (Nov.14) at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall by University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Bengaluru's Ecolab Digital Centre Managing Director Malahar Raju Pinnelli will deliver the keynote address. NASSCOM National Head Sridevi Sira, Bengaluru Regional Head Dinesh Kumar Pranigrahi and others will be the guests on the occasion.

Those who have passed SSLC and PUC can pursue various technical courses including Cyber Security, 3D Mapping, Block Chain and Mobile Technology under this Forum, at their convenient time by paying very less fees.

Sarada Vilas Educational Institution Secretary H.K. Srinath, Administrative Officer Srinivasa Raghavan, Computer Department Head Jagadish Krishna and Public Relations Officer Rajendra Prasad were present during the press meet.

Pelican's carcass retrieved; sent to local lab for tests

Forest officers and veterinarians seen examining the carcass of the Spot-Billed Pelican at Kukkarahalli Lake this morning. The bird was found dead last evening.

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (MTY&BCT)- The carcass of a Spot-Billed Pelican that was found at Kukkarahalli Lake last evening was removed from water this morning. After the body was fished out, the samples were sent to Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory on Dhanvanthri Road for examination.

Officials from Forest Department said that as the samples of the two Pelicans that died recently did not test positive for Avian Influenza or Bird Flu, this time, the samples were not sent to Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAH&VB) at Hebbal in Bengaluru for tests.

Veterinary doctors Dr. H.C. Srinivas and other officials suspected that the Pelican might have either died due to old age and biting cold or due to consumption of detergent-laced water that flows from the neighbourhood of Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) and Jayalakshmipuram.

The Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAHVB), Bengaluru that tested the last two samples of the Pelicans has testified that the death was not due to Bird Flu.

After testing the cloacal swabs, tracheal swabs and organ samples of the Pelicans, the institute, in its report, said the samples had been tested negative for Influenza type 'A' specific and Influenza H5 specific. With this report, the fears of suspected Bird Flu had been scientifically allayed.

SC to deliver Sabarimala, Rafale verdict tomorrow

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The Bench is also expected to deliver two other important judgements this week before Justice Gogoi demits office on Nov. 17.

His Bench will also pronounce its verdict on a plea seeking criminal contempt proceedings against former Congress President Rahul Gandhi for wrongly attributing to the Apex Court in his "Chowkidar Chor Hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the Rafale case.

The Five-Judge Bench on Apr. 4, 2019 had also reserved its verdict on three appeals filed in 2010 by the Secretary-General of the Supreme Court and its Central Public Information Officer against the Delhi High Court order that the CJI's office falls under the ambit of the Right to Information Act.

'Ignorance of law deprives people of their basic rights'

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (RKB&US)- Mahajana Law College of Mahajana Education Society (MES), in association with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), commemorating National Legal Services Day and Constitution Day, had organised a legal awareness programme at the College premises in Jayalakshmipuram here this morning.

Inaugurating the programme Second Additional Principal Judge, Family Court N.S. Patil opined that legal awareness was necessary and important for all. He contended that people abide by certain rules and regulations but could be unaware of the legal reasoning behind such rules.

Speaking on the occasion, DLSA Member Secretary B.P. Devamane observed that too many cases were putting pressure on Courts. He contended that DLSA comes in the way to ease the pressure on Court to some extent. He said that ignorance of law was responsible to deprive a person of basic rights. He bemoaned that sometimes social media distorts or mislead on facts making the so-called intelligent too to misconstrue.

Mysore Bar Association Secretary Shivanna briefed on the intricate features of DLSA.

MES President Muralidhar Bhagavath presided. Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar, Legal Expert Dr. C.K.N. Raja, MES Administrative Officer P. Sarojamma, College Principal Dr. Sanjith and others were present.

A section of audience at the legal awareness programme.

Economic slowdown: Congress stages protest against State and Centre

Mysuru, Nov.13 (RK&SD)- Opposing 'anti-people' policies of BJP and blaming Central Government's policies for economic slowdown, Congress workers lead by City Congress President R. Murthy and District Congress President B.J. Vijaykumar staged demonstration this morning at Gandhi Square in city.

More than 150 activists of Congress participated in the protest. They raised slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and demanded their resignations. "Current economic slowdown is due to Government's policy mismanagement," they alleged.

Former Mayors Modamani, T.B. Chikkanna, Pushpalatha Chikkanna, B.K. Prakash, ex-MLA Vasu, leaders Bhaskar L. Gowda, Eshwar Chakkadi, Shivamallu and others were present.

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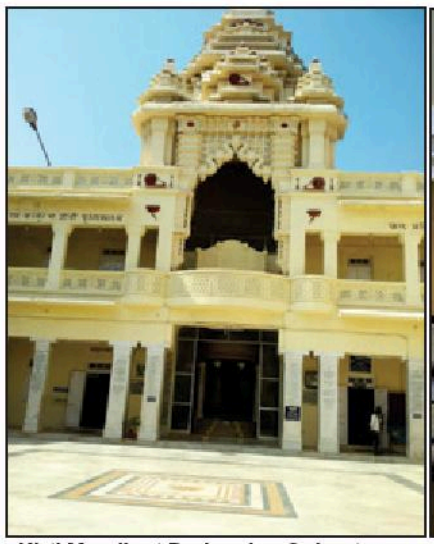
150 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE MAHATMA

Remembering Gandhiji through snapshots and anecdotes



Kirti Mandir at Porbandar, Gujarat.

Entrance to the house of Mahatma.

The narrow lane where Mahatma Gandhi's house is located.

On October 2nd, we celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary and a number of year-long programmes were organised all over the country. Yet, how many of our readers have personally visited this great personality's birth place?

To create a feeling of pride and patriotism in our younger generation, especially, I wish to enable *SOM* readers to visualise the birth place and the house (Kirti Mandir) in which the great Mahatma was born and brought up. Having visited Porbandar recently, I herewith relive the experience through these snapshots.

When we said we are from Mysuru, the caretakers were very happy as they had heard a lot about Dasara, the Maharajas, Palaces and Brindavan Gardens.

I left a short message behind in the visitor's book that we Mysureans have taken a pledge to keep our city clean, safe and green.

—Indira Ganapathy, Yadavagiri

... and anecdotes

As we all know, Mahatma Gandhi helped free India from British rule by using a unique method of non-violent resistance. He had limitless strength, both physical and moral. He believed in courage, truth and non-violence.

With his 150th birth anniversary being celebrated this year, talk about Gandhiji and all that he stood for fills the air, and not just in India, but in many other countries as well.

Over the past few months, people of various other nationalities have been singing *"Vaishnava Janato"*, which is known to be one of Gandhiji's favourite bhajans. I heard this news snippet in a programme on *Doordarshan*, which mentioned that performances in Portugal, UAE, China and Japan, to name a few, were spectacular.

Portraits of parents Karamchand Gandhi and Putlibai Gandhi.

The exact place where Putlibai, Gandhiji's mother, had given birth to Bapu, is marked with a 'Swastik' symbol.

All India Radio, for the past many years, has had a Kannada programme on Friday mornings dedicated to Gandhiji, his teachings and experiences. In October this year, in honour of his landmark birth anniversary, AIR aired a 5-minute talk about Gandhiji every morning at 6.30 am.

On October 2nd, 2019, there was an interesting programme on *Doordarshan* that interviewed a few people from across the world.

One lady who was interviewed was Canadian and recalled her mother getting her to read about Gandhiji to learn about him and his work. She was very impressed by the following passages: "My life is my message", "Truth is God, and God is truth" and "Hate the sin, not the sinner."

A narrow wooden staircase leads the visitor to the upper storey, which houses the kitchen.

Another interviewee, an Indian lady, recalled reading about Gandhiji travelling India after he returned from South Africa. He wanted to get to know India and her people, which led him to travel to villages along with a few of his followers. In a village in Bihar, Gandhiji saw an old woman sitting alone outside a shabby hut. He spoke to her and learned that she lived with her daughter, whom he requested to meet. The woman went in and after a little while, her daughter emerged from the hut. Curious as to why the woman stayed inside, he requested one of his followers to find out. He then learned that both mother and daughter owned and shared only one sari. This opened his eyes about the poverty in India.

Gandhiji visited Madurai, and seeing the poverty there as well, he vowed to change his attire to identify with the poorer masses. On 22nd September, 1921, he appeared wearing a dhoti and shawl for the first time in public, and this was his attire for the rest of his life. There has been a statue erected there to honour this action.

Gandhiji spent some time in jail in South Africa. The jailor at the time, Jan Smuts, was known to be very strict. News had gone around that his birthday was round the corner and Gandhiji put to use a skill he had picked up in jail — shoemaking. So he stitched Smuts a pair of sandals. His jailmates expressed their surprise, to which Gandhiji replied that Jan Smuts was doing his duty, and what he was doing was his *dharma*.

On Gandhiji's 70th birthday, Smuts wrote, "In jail, he prepared a pair of sandals for me. I have worn them for many a hot summer, though I feel that I am not worthy to stand in the shoes (made by) so great a man."

On January 30th, 1948, the then UN Secretary General, Trygve Lie, ordered that all the UN countries (58 at the time) should follow the UN's suit and fly their flags at half-mast. When asked why, he said, "Gandhiji was not only the light of India, but the light of the whole world. I am not sorry that he has passed away, but I am sorry that with him, human values have also gone." What a great tribute!

A recent application of a Gandhian saying is Prime Minister Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission. This mission follows Gandhiji's quote "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Gandhiji was a man from whom we can all learn several positive things. We should all try to imbibe some of his lessons and teachings. It seems like a fitting way to honour his legacy.

— P. Shanthi Ganapathy, Vijayanagar

Main draw of MTC Asian Tennis Tour begins

S.B. Apoorva seen serving in her first round match in the MTC Asian Tennis Tour Women's Open Tournament being played at MTC courts in city this morning.

Mysuru, Nov.13- The main draw Women's Singles event in the Mysore Tennis Club (MTC) Asian Tennis Tour US $3000 Open Tournament, conducted by MTC, Mysuru, gets off to a start from today at the MTC courts.

A total of 16 first round matches are slated for the day. Zubair Z. Aalya is the top-seed.

The other top players are Reshma Mayuri, Pragathi Narayan Prasad, Shreya Panchal and Anisha Thada.

Mysore Varsity wrestling team for All India Championship

The men's wrestling team of University of Mysore (UoM) which will be taking part in the All India Inter-University Wrestling Men's Championship (Freestyle & Greco-Roman) at Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology Campus, University of Hisar, Haryana, from Nov.14 to 18. Seen are (standing from left) S. Sushas, S. Santhosh, K.A. Ajith Kumr, B. Chethan, H.M. Prem, Faisal Khan, S. Sanjay, S. Rakesh and K. Hemanth; (sitting) Captain P. Rakesh, Coach L. Manjappa, UoM's Department of Physical Education Director (In-Charge) Dr. P. Krishniah and Manager Ramesh Kumar.

Winners in District and Division-level Handball

St. Thomas School, Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru, has emerged winners in the District and Division-level Handball held recently. The winning students — (standing from left) Suraj M. Babu, B. Tejas, R.S. Jayasuray, S. Yashwanth, Mihir P. Urs and J.P. Pavan Murthy; (kneeling) L. Manjunath (Best Shooter) and K. Chetan — are seen with (sitting) N. Swamynath (Principal, State School), Rev. Prakash Abraham (Manager, St.Thomas Institutions), Jyothilakshmi (Vice Principal, State School) and Tara Aragam.

KSCA Mysuru Zone U-14 Tournament for Clubs

Kanishk slams ton

Mysuru, Nov.13- An unbeaten century by M. Kanishk (108 n.o., 13x4, 5x6) enabled Vidyaranya CC to register a nine-wicket win over Bellur CC in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Club Tournament for U-14 boys played at the Maharaja's College Grounds here recently.

SCORES

Bellur CC: 131/6 in 50 overs (M. Tarun 25 n.o.) lost to **Vidyaranya CC:** 132/1 in 14.5 overs (M. Kanishk 108 n.o.).

Mysore CC: 86 in 30 overs (K. Advaith 23, H.C. Shashank 5/30, Veer Xavier 3/13) lost to **YMCC:** 87/3 in 25.4 overs (B. Karthik 29, Kunal Raj 2/11).

NCC: 182/6 in 33 overs (K. Prajwal 66, R.K. Srikar 59, L.N. Shrujan 4/18) bt **Agraharam CC:** 19 in 13.1 overs (Santhosh 3/12. Vibodh Ramesh 3/2).

RBNCC: 182/9 in 30 overs (R. Raaj 30, K.L. Tharun Kumar 30, Surya P. Kaushik 25) bt **Mysore City Gymkhana:** 52 in 25.5 overs (R.H. Prabhav Sharma 4/22, Surya P. Kaushik 3/9).

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League 2019

Big win for Sunny Side CC

Mysuru, Nov.13- Good batting by J. Yogesh (89,5x4, 7x6) and Waseem Razak (69, 10x4, 3x6), helped Sunny Side CC to register a facile 133-run win over Jai Hind CC 'B' in the KSCA Mysuru Zone 3rd Division League match played at the Gangothri Grounds here recently.

SCORES - 3rd Division

Sunny Side CC: 286/9 in 30 overs (Match reduced to 30 overs due to overnight rain) (J. Yogesh 89, Waseem Razak 69, H.N. Chandrashekar 46, S. Vinod 3/37, S. Dhanush Gowda 2/39, M. Janesha 2/71) bt **Jai Hind CC 'B':** 153/8 in 30 overs (B. Anjan 50 n.o., Shivakumar 4/21, H. Amogh 2/40).

Sree Ganesha Kreeda Mandali: 159 in 32.2 overs (Match reduced to 33 overs a side) (Sarthak Mahajan 47, P. Nishanth 3/27, Chenne Gowda 2/14) lost to **Vijaya Cricketers:** 165/4 in 29.2 overs (V. Aadithya 58, V. Raghunandan 41, D. Srinivasan 25 n.o., Bharath Bhushan 20 n.o., Prabhu 3/32).

Bangladesh Tour of India- 2019

Focus shifts to red ball cricket

Indore, Nov.13- Despite losing the Twenty20 series against India, Bangladesh is taking inspiration from their maiden win against the hosts in the first match of the format as they prepare for the upcoming two-match Test series that begins at Holkar Stadium in Indore tomorrow.

The visitors will shift their focus to red ball cricket before moving towards pink ball for the series concluding second test match that would be played under lights at the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

Bangladesh will miss the services of Shakib Al Hasan who was suspended for two years by International Cricket Council (ICC) for not reporting a corrupt approach. The team will also miss senior pro Tamim Iqbal who opted out of the tour as he wanted to be with his wife for the birth of the couple's second child.

However, Bangladesh team, which is eyeing for a good start, started its preparation under the watchful eyes of newly appointed Test skipper Mominul Haque.

Addressing press persons, Bangladesh senior player Mohammad Mithun hailed the Indian team stating that the Virat Kohli led team was the 'Best in the World.'

"In the past, India depended on spin bowling attack, however now they have strong pace attack too. We are disappointed that we could not win the last game despite creating chances and at the same time now we are looking forward to doing well in the Test series," said Mithun.

The first Test, in Indore beginning tomorrow, is almost like a formality. All this doesn't mean India are taking Bangladesh lightly for the first Test. Virat Kohli and Co are known for maintaining intensity irrespective of opposition or conditions. That explains India's record at home. They've won 11 consecutive Test series in India.

They've got a full strength squad with Virat Kohli back leading the side after a brief break in the T20Is. Everything about the side — batting, spin, pace and even bench strength — is solid and balanced. If Bangladesh can lift themselves in the first Test, they'll believe they can go in with confidence for the second. India begin the first Test as massive favourites but the scales will be slightly more level in Kolkata, given the uncertainties.

Catch the live action on Star Sports from 9.30 am

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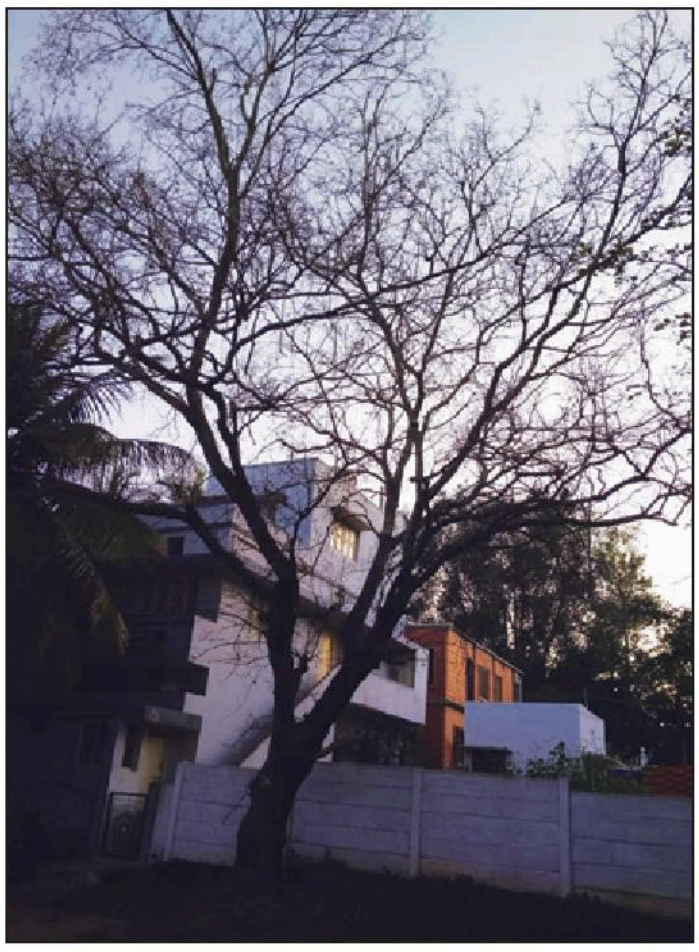
Plea to remove dead tree at Metagalli



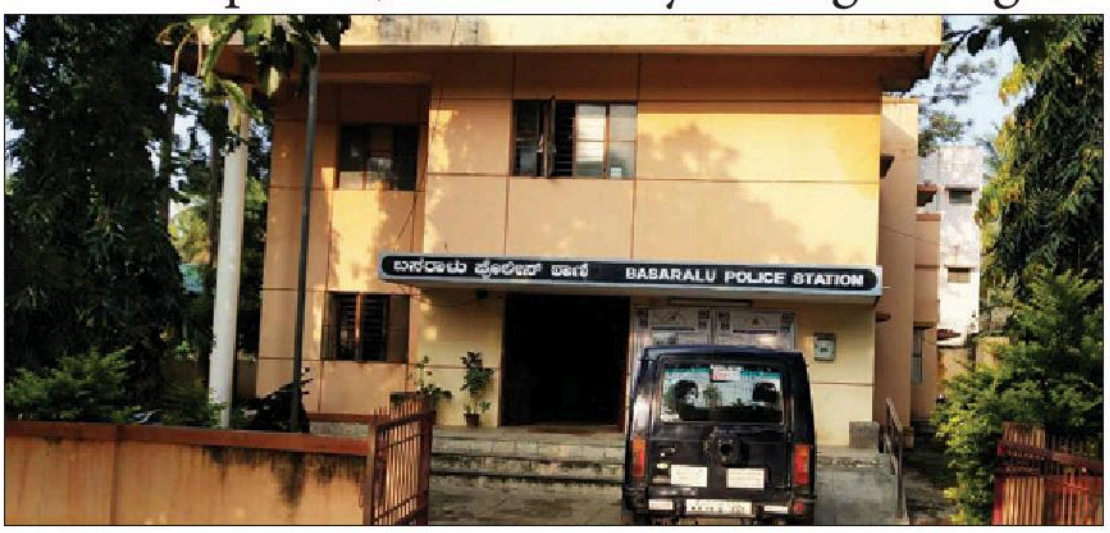
A dead tree near Chaitra Clinic in Metagalli is posing danger to the public as the tree may fall anytime. Residents say that the tree dried up two months ago and has now become weak and may fall even due to small velocity of wind and rain. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the tree removed at the earliest.

The pathetic sight of roads in Subashnagar

This is the pathetic condition of the 3rd main road in Subashnagar in city. Residents say that the road was dug up four months ago to lay pipes and has been left without asphalting resulting in LPG cylinder suppliers, school autos and buses, vegetable vendors etc. not coming to the road putting a lot of hardships to the residents. Residents complained that they cannot even take out their vehicles from the house as the road has become unmotorable. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest for the benefit of all.

Unprofessional behaviour by Cops at Police Station

Sub-Inspector, ASI on duty indulge in fight



Mandya, Nov.13 (Nagaiah& KS)- Law Keepers displaying unprofessional behaviour and indulging in a fight inside the Police Station over night beat deployment, has come to light lately at Basaralu Police Station in the taluk.

The Cops, who indulged in the fight, are Sub-Inspector (SI) Jayagowri and Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Shivananjegowda.

SI Jayagowri has lodged a complaint accusing that ASI Shivananjegowda caught her uniform collar and assaulted her.

Complaint: According to the complaint, SI Jayagowri has stated that on Nov.9 (Saturday), after providing security to the Chief Minister's programme at K.R. Pet returned to Basaralu Police Station at 4 pm and instructed ASI Shivananjegowda to deploy personnel for night beat.

She further stated in her complaint that the ASI told her that there was no staff following which she (SI) told the ASI to go home and take rest and come for night duty. Irked over this, ASI Shivananjegowda told the SI that he had worked since morning besides asking the SI to deploy others for the night beat besides refusing to come for the night duty.

Soon, wordy duel ensued between the two and the ASI asked SI Jayagowri to come to the Writer's chamber and told her that he would teach her a lesson. When Jayagowri went to the Writer's chamber, the ASI caught hold of her uniform collar, manhandled her and scolded her using foul language, the complaint stated.

SI Jayagowri has also stated that Head Constable Obedulla Khan, Constable Kalavathi and Jeep Driver Shivakumar were witness to the incident.

A case has been registered against ASI Shivananjegowda under IPC Section 323 (Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 (Punishment for criminal intimidation).

The truth behind SI Jayagowri's complaint will come out only after an official-level enquiry.

But whatever it is, law keepers, who are supposed to protect the public, indulging in fight at the Police Station is a matter of grave concern.

Five services go online under 'Bhoomi' Scheme

Mysuru, Nov.13- The fling of applications for five services under the Government's 'Bhoomi' Scheme has gone online, with the development of a citizen portal.

The Director of 'Bhoomi' Cell of the Revenue Department, in a circular sent to the office of the Deputy Commissioners in all districts, on Nov.8, has said that the Cell has facilitated the members of the public to obtain Aadhaar based eKYC and eSign services through DigiLocker by using this portal.

The services include change of khata in respect of land, recording of podi details in pahani, details of land conversion, filling up land records in RTC and details on clearance of loans.

With the launch of the new citizen portal, the public need not have to visit Bhoomi Kendras or Atalji Janasnehi Kendras. The public can file applications by logging on to *http:/landrecords.karnataka.gov.in/service93*

The DCs have been asked to provide training to all concerned Departmental, Bank employees and staff of Co-op. Societies on the use and handling of the portal.

'Everyone is born talented'

K. Arkesh

Mysuru, Nov.13 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that no creature on earth is born untalented, former Inspector-General of Police (IGP) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) K. Arkesh asserted that every human being has one talent or the other.

He was speaking after inaugurating a campus awareness programme for first year Post-Graduate students of the University of Mysore (UoM) at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall in the University campus on Monday.

Noting that the UoM has produced many great personalities who have won national and international awards and prizes, Arkesh reiterated that every student has a hidden talent and it is important for the elders to identify it and educate them on achieving their set goals.

Pointing out that every achiever should have a time sense, he said that it was important for everyone to respect others. He advised the students to groom their talent and to bring laurels for the country.

Mysore Varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar , in his address, called upon the students to hone their skills to perfection in their chosen fields. He further said that the UoM has launched 'Career Hub,' which is aimed at providing job opportunities to at least a thousand students.

Stroking his way to glory

Mysuru, the cultural capital of Karnataka, is home for many musical and fine arts talents, who have put the city's name in world map. One such talent who has aimed to make a name for himself at the national and international-level is **Shashank Bharadwaj,** a young talented artiste from city.

Having born into a family of musicians, Shashank is a trained Karnatak vocalist and a mandolin artiste. His father 'Keerthana Chatura' late M.S. Ramesh, was a mandolin artiste, who also owned a toy and furniture manufacturing company. 'Keerthana Ratnam' Konanur Seetharamashastry, his grandfather, too was a famed artiste.

Shashank learnt Karnatak classical vocal from Vidu. Kamala Rajalakshmi, Vidu. R.N. Srilatha and Vid. Sringeri H.S. Nagaraj. He underwent training in violin from Gayathri Ramesh, his mother. With music being in his blood, it was evident that Shashank would take up music as his career. But the talented artiste chose the field of painting and has succeeded in creating art pieces.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Shashank said that though he learnt music, he was always interested in painting. "It was my father who taught me the art of drawing when I was five years old. Unfortunately, he passed away when I was six. But, I continued to practice," he added.

It was in 2011 that this talented artiste took painting seriously. His one visit to *Chitrasanthe* in Bengaluru inspired him to pursue painting professionally. A self-taught artist, Shashank was guided by artist Balu Bhaskar in oil paintings. He has mastered Mysore Painting and embossing as well.

Shashank has the credit of restoring paintings of yesteryear artists such as Ramanarasaiah, Madhuguri Ramu, *Padma Shri* S.N. Swamy and others. He has also restored the portrait of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar by famous artist Keshavayya.

In recognition of his works, this young talent was conferred titles like 'Ovia Chemmal' meaning 'Legendary Artiste' by Puttumariyamma Temple in Salem (Tamil Nadu) and "Kala Tapasvi" by Mysore Sahitya and Samskruthika Prathishtana.

Shashank is not only famous in this part of the world but also in countries such as Bahrain, USA and Australia. He is one among a few artists to have been approached by the famous UK-based Rosemary & Co Artists Brushes Ltd., to review their brushes.

Among a few paintings that he has done is the portrait of famous Sanskrit scholar Appayya Dixitar in Srirangam, Tamil Nadu. A software engineer by profession, Shashank is also an authorised artist of Handicraft Commission, Government of India.

Having completed his B.Sc from NIE in Mysuru, he pursued his Master's in Computer Application (MCA) from PES College, Mandya. Shashank's younger sister M.R. Srividya is also a trained classical singer and a Bharatanatyam artiste.

Shashank, who works from 9 am to 5 pm in Bengaluru, conducts art classes for children between 6 pm and 7.30 pm. Later, he dedicates his time to complete his pending projects. A resource person at the Advaitha Research Centre in Sringeri, Shanshank plans to dedicate his life to art by sharing his knowledge among other like-minded persons.

— VNS

WORD OF THE DAY

Picayune

Pronunciation: pik-ee-yoon, pik-uh.

Meaning: Of little value or account; small; trifling: a picayune amount.
Origin: In the early 1800s in Louisiana, Florida, and other Southern U.S. States, the noun picayune designated a coin equal to a Spanish half-real, which was worth a mere six-and-one-quarter cents. Picayune comes from Provençal picaioun (compare French picaillons "money"), a type of copper coin from the historical region of Savoy in southeastern France. While the picayune, as currency, fell out of circulation in the U.S., the word picayune did not. Picayune—on the basis of the coin's paltry sum—extended as an adjective meaning "of little value or account; small; trifling." The name of the former coin also survives in the New Orleans Times-Picayune, which cost one picayune when the newspaper was established (as The Picayune) in 1837.
Example: The point is less to dwell on the picayune details of what was once known as the "browser wars" than to show how hard it is to escape the hold these companies' ecosystems have on our lives.

THE ODD WORD

Pachynsis

Thickening.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pears for your heirs

Meaning: An adage to encourage us to think long-term and look after future generations.
Origin: Pear trees, especially the old English varieties that would have been the subject of this proverb, take many years to mature and give fruit. You don't plant them for yourself but for your heirs.
The full version of the phrase, which is a 17th century English proverb, is: Walnuts and pears you plant for your heirs. The sense of the altruistic nature of tree planting was also expressed by Thomas Fuller in his work Gnomologia, 1732:
"He that plants trees loves others beside himself."

QUOTE BOX

There are only ten minutes in the life of a pear when it is perfect to eat.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIDDLE THIS

He has married many women, but has never been married. Who is he?

Answer: A priest.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Port on the Orne - "cane" broken?
5 Calendar abbreviation
8 Butter-like extract from African tree's seeds
12 Military intrusion
14 A wooden bucket?
15 Fiendish; devilish
16 Dancer Pavlova
17 Art degs.
18 Kept out of sight
20 Brook or small river
23 Family circle member
24 Keep in hand
25 Midwest US state
28 Recede
29 List of contents
30 Eco. Comm. of Europe
32 ___ with : burdened a person with?
34 An Arab vessel
35 Pub drinks
36 Norman Vincent ___
37 They had an empire in India between 322 and 184 B.C.
40 Arvind Kejriwal's party
41 Leave out or exclude
42 Aramaic name for Calvary
47 French river
48 In progress or going on
49 "Retired" in short?
50 Estimated time of arrival, in short
51 Current, spate

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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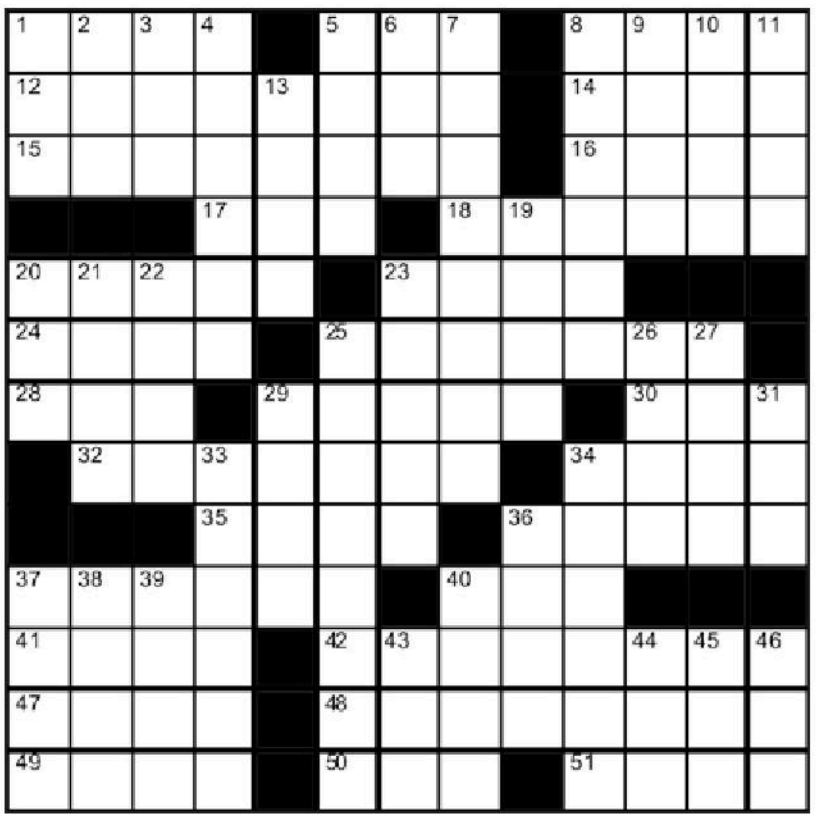
S	T	O	W	E	D	■	N	E	T	T	L	E

Down

1 Spanish hero
2 Black bird
3 Little __ from Uncle Tom's Cabin
4 Caught or apprehended
5 Currency of Yemen?
6 French king
7 Incorporated, contained or embodied
8 Athens' traditional rival
9 Mr. Williams the U.S. singer?
10 One in Bonn
11 As _ __ : as a child or youngster (1,3)
13 Steep in liquid
19 Windows alternative
20 The rebel Guevara's Christian name
21 Pilfers or steals or plunders
22 Italian island
23 South American mountain range
25 __ ___ with: allied with? (2,6)
26 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
27 System of bidding in Bridge
29 Not in a busy way
31 Female sheep - "wee" change
33 Moved rapidly
34 Evict an alien
36 Leaf of a book
37 Fasten by anchor
38 Female friend from France?
39 Hebridean isle - "suit" anagram ?
40 "M*A*S*H" star
43 Ontario, in short
44 Two as a prefix?
45 Did possess
46 A positive vote



SUDOKU

1				9	4			
	3					1		
	6	8					9	7
	5							
		4	3	1	7	5		
							8	
2	4					8	5	
		1					3	
			5	6				4

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	3	4	1	6	7	2	9
9	2	6	7	5	3	8	4	1
1	4	7	9	8	2	6	3	5
3	6	2	8	7	9	1	5	4
7	1	9	2	4	5	3	8	6
8	5	4	6	3	1	9	7	2
4	3	1	5	6	7	2	9	8
2	7	5	1	9	8	4	6	3
6	9	8	3	2	4	5	1	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YM ADQI YM Y VDOC OBWYXQM KQMSDGBQ, RDK YOB XL'M

WYMLBO DQZB RDK KLLBO XL, RDK YOB XL'M MAYUB.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Aa Drushya	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Kapata Nataka Paatradhaari	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Ranabhoomi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Girmit	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Bharaate	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Paapi Chirayu	Lakshmi	2443584	1 Show
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
HINDI			
Mr. Black Mr. White	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Bala	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Chhichhore	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kaithi	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Bigil	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
.....	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
.....	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Moothon (Ma)	(S-1)	10.40 am
Girmit (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Kaithi (Ta)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Bigil (Ta)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Doctor Sleep (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Aa Drishya (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 7.25 pm
Terminator: Dark Fate (E)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
War (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
41 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Last Christmas (E)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7.30 pm
Houseful 4 (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Black and Blue (E)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Bala (H)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm

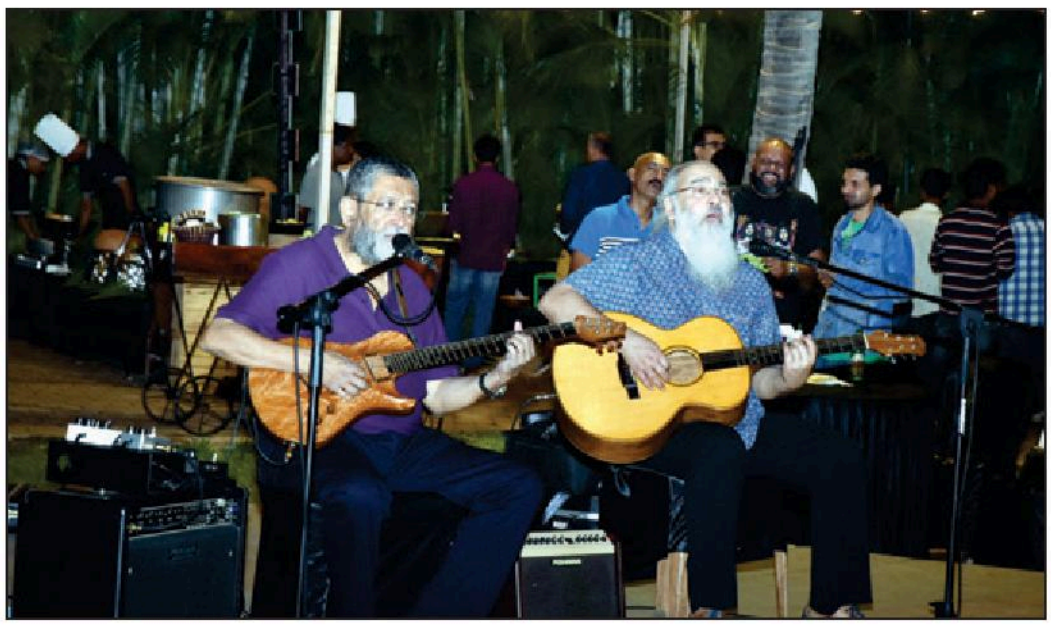
INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Bala (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	3.10 pm, 8.35 pm
Aa Drishya (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am, 12.40 pm, 6.05 pm
Bigil (Ta)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Housefull 4 (H)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Black & Blue (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am
Satellite Shankar (H)	(S-3)	12.20 pm
Bypass Road (H)	(S-3)	3.10 pm
Rana Bhoomi (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Kapata Nataka Patradari (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Girmit (K)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
41 (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Thipparaa Meesam (Te)	(S-4)	9.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Aa Drushya (K)	9.25 am, 11.50 am, 2.15 pm, 7.35 pm
Bala (H)	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 1.25 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Kapata Nataka Paatradhaari (K)	10.20 am
Ranabhoomi (K)	10.50 am
Black and Blue (E)	12.55 pm
Girmit (K)	3.25 pm
Last Christmas (E)	4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Bypass Road (H)	4.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Bigil (Ta)	6.05 pm
Housefull 4 (H)	6.40 pm
Moothon (Ma)	9.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

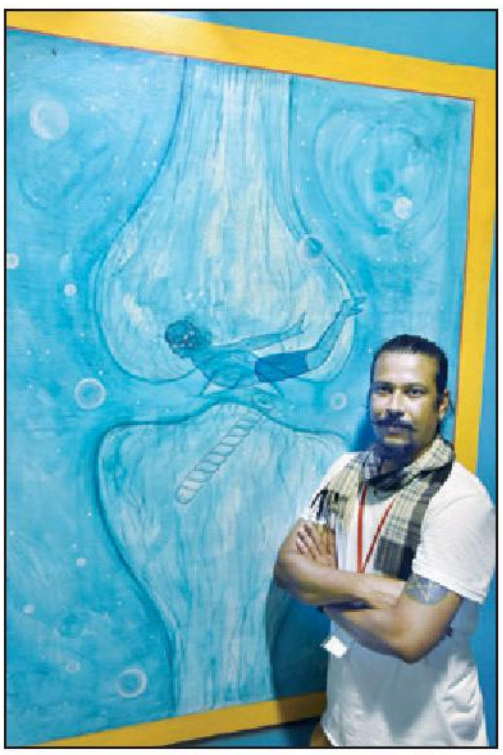


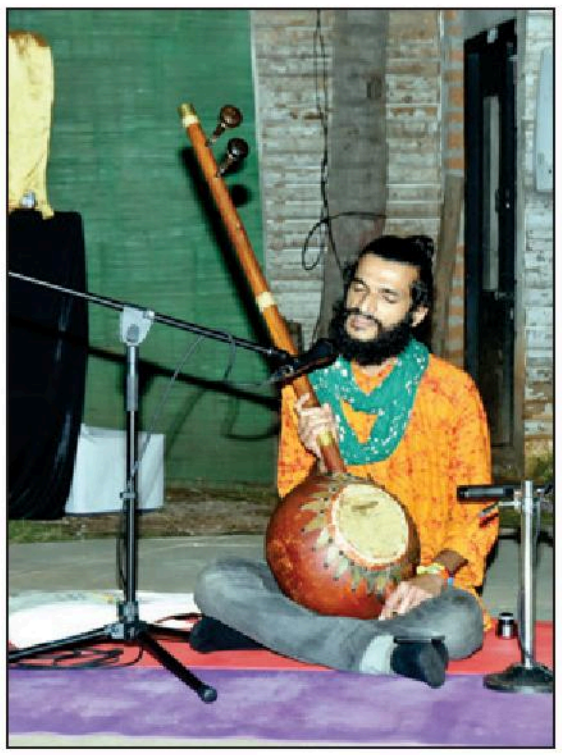
Shekhar Sheshadri and Vinoo Matthew of Sarjapur Blues Band ensured that visitors at Windflower Resorts and Spa yesterday enjoyed some good music watching the art works on display as part of cHa Cha cHA.

Curtain falls on *cHa Cha cHA*

Mysuru, Nov.13- Five-day artistic workshop *cHa Cha cHA* came an end with the display of the art works created by artistes and music concerts by Shekhar Sheshadri and Vinoo Matthew of Sarjapur Blues Band and Nada Maninalkar at Windflower Resorts and Spa yesterday.

Artistes such as Pragati Mathur, Sumedha Sah, Chandrika, Champa Mohan, R.M. Gowri, P. Suchender, L. Yogananda, N. Ranganatha, K. Rakshith and Shrithin Shettigar took part in the event. The organisers had also invited Vijay Bagodi, a Baroda-based visual artiste, who conducted workshops for specially-abled children and others as well.





City-based artiste L. Yogananda created awareness through his paintings on how swimming helps in curing ailments. Picture right shows singer Nada Maninalkar performing at Windflower Resorts and Spa during the valedictory of cHa Cha cHA event yesterday.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 13)

Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru: Monthly Meeting, Association President Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao presides, Sadvidya Educational Institution, Narayan Shastry Road, **5.30 pm.**

Nupura Kalavidaru Samskruthika Trust: Children's Day celebrations, Narthana Karanji, a group Bharatanatyam programme by the Trust students, Art Patron K.V. Murthy chief guest, Managing Trustee Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao will be present, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru: 'Gita Jnana Yajna' (Kannada) - Vibhuti Yoga (Bhagavad Gita - 10th Chapter)' by Swami Gahanananda, Sri Ramana Jnana Kendra, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 14)

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.: 'Making Mysuru a Plastic-free City,' a Cleanliness Drive by School children in their respective School premises to mark Children's Day, MCC Swachhata Abhiyan Ambassadors Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Cricketer Javagal Srinath and Yoga exponent H. Kushi and Guinness Book of Records title holder Ishan Chetan will be present at the Cleanliness Drive to be held at Vidyavardhaka School, **9 am to 10 am.**

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA): Dasara Exhibition - Free entry for children below 14 years as part of Children's Day, **11 am to 3 pm.**

CaratLane - A Tanishq Partnership: Opening of store, Devaraja Mohalla, Devaraja Urs Road, **12.30 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru: 'Gita Jnana Yajna' (Kannada) - Vibhuti Yoga (Bhagavad Gita - 10th Chapter)' by Swami Gahanananda, Sri Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda: Nartana Namana in memory of Pt. Y.N. Simha, Vidu. Lalitha Dorai and Pt. Tirath Ram Azad, 'Sangeeta Bhavanege Srujanatmaka Nrutya,' Unique Creative Dance by Aparna Shashank, Niveditha Karthik, Chinmayee Bharadwaj, Nityashree Shetty and Rohitha Eswer [Dance Choreography and Direction - Vidu. Nandini Eswer], Ganabharathi - Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

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